

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-719-C - ORDER NO. 95-1010
MAY 4, 1995

IN RE: Request of Home Owners Long) ORDER APPROVING
Distance, Inc. for Approval of) TARIFF REVISIONS
Revisions to its SCPSC Tariff No.) AND APPROVING
1 to Introduce Prepaid Calling) STIPULATION
Card Service (Ref: TN 95-93).)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the proposed Tariff Revisions of Home Owners Long Distance, Inc. (HOLD or the Company). The Company desires to introduce to its South Carolina PSC Tariff No. 1 the following new product offerings: Prepaid Calling Card Services, VOX Gold Preferred Business Service, and VOX Gold Calling Card Service.

The Commission's Executive Director instructed HOLD to publish one time a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of HOLD's Application and of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceedings. HOLD complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. A Petition to Intervene was filed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell).

After due time, HOLD and Southern Bell entered into a Stipulation which, among other things, stated that HOLD represents

that the services for which it seeks authority through this Application are not intended to be used to complete local calls. HOLD agrees that it is not seeking authority in this docket to authorize it to complete local calls. The full Stipulation is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Commission has examined this Stipulation and believes that it is fair and in the public interest. The Commission believes that the Stipulation should be approved.

Further, the Commission believes that the tariff revisions proposed by the Company should be approved as filed. However, prior to offering the Prepaid Calling Card Service, HOLD shall be required to file with this Commission a \$5,000.00 Certificate of Deposit as a bond to protect the interests of the public in this matter. The Commission has noted in prior cases that security was a reasonable requirement in those situations whereby customers prepay telecommunications companies for services, such as the one at bar. Therefore, the Commission believes that the imposition of this requirement is in the public interest. This must be carried out prior to the Company offering the prepaid long distance calling card service.


The Certificates of Deposit shall be drawn in the name of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, and shall be drawn on federal or state chartered banks or savings and loan associations which maintain an office in this State, and whose accounts are insured by either Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. After twelve (12) months from the date of this Order, the Commission will review the

Company's financial reports and operations in this State and will reassess the requirement of HOLD maintaining this bond.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Stipulation between HOLD and Southern Bell is hereby approved.
2. The tariff as filed by the Company is hereby approved.
3. Before the Company may offer its Prepaid Calling Card Service to the public, it must file with the Commission a \$5,000.00 Certificate of Deposit in the Commission's name to act as security for HOLD doing Prepaid Calling Card business in South Carolina.
4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)

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OF SOUTH CAROLINA
TARIFF NO. 95-93

IN RE:)	
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REVISIONS TO HOME OWNERS LONG)	
DISTANCE, INC. ("HOLD") IN ITS)	
P.S.C. - S.C. TARIFF NO. 1)	STIPULATION
INTRODUCING PREPAID CALLING)	
CARD SERVICE)	
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The Applicant, Home Owners Long Distance, Inc. ("Hold"), and Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company ("Southern Bell"), as Intervenor, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate as follows:

- (1) Any grant of authority shall clearly be for interLATA services and such intraLATA services as contemplated by PSC Order No. 93-462, dated June 3, 1993.
- (2) Hold represents that the services for which it seeks authority through this Application are not intended to be used to complete local calls. Hold agrees that it is not seeking authority in this docket to authorize it to complete local calls. Further, Hold agrees that it will not use either this Stipulation or the services specified in the tariffs filed in the above-captioned docket as grounds upon which to argue before this Commission that Hold should be authorized to transport and complete local calls. Hold represents that it will not market, advertise, encourage, or offer its services

to be used as a method of transporting and completing local calls.

- (3) Hold affirms that, at this time, it cannot prevent the completion of local calls on its network by customers using the services specified in the tariffs filed in the above-captioned docket. For this reason, Hold cannot stipulate that its customers will not complete local calls using its services. Therefore, Hold may bill for completion of local calls and collect the revenues therefore. When it becomes technically and practically possible for Hold to implement blocking of local call completion using the services of Hold, Hold will implement such blocking until such time as it has obtained authority from the South Carolina Public Service Commission to transport and complete local calls.

Based upon the acceptance of this Stipulation by the Commission, Southern Bell hereby withdraws its intervention in this docket.

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